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DEVOURS EARTH!

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BE NO
KILLING
IF I HAVE
ANYTHING
TO SAY
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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS! IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

SUPERMAN

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IT GETS COLD IN THE ARIZONA DESERT AFTER SUNSET... BUT HERE, AS NOWHERE ELSE IN AMERICA, THE NIGHT AIR IS CLEAR, UNDISTORTED BY CITY LIGHTS OR URBAN SMOG...

IT IS HERE THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DEEP-SPACE LISTENING STATION-12 HAVE COME TO LEARN THE MUSIC OF THE SPHERES...

ONE OF THOSE SCIENTISTS IS A WOMAN NAMED AMANDA MONROE.

SUPERMAN... GLAD YOU COULD COME.

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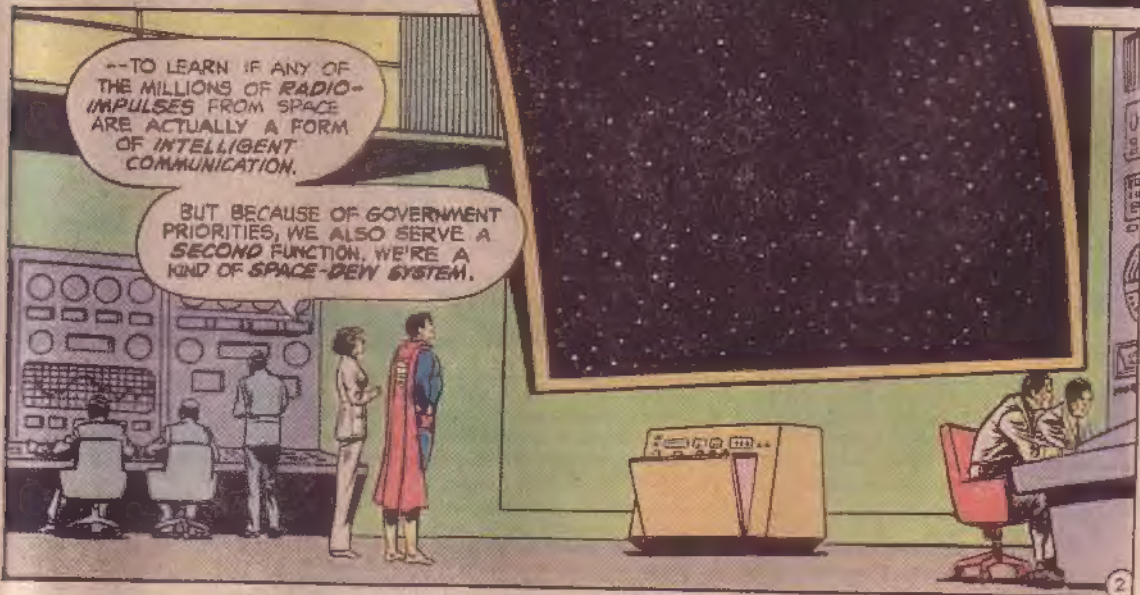
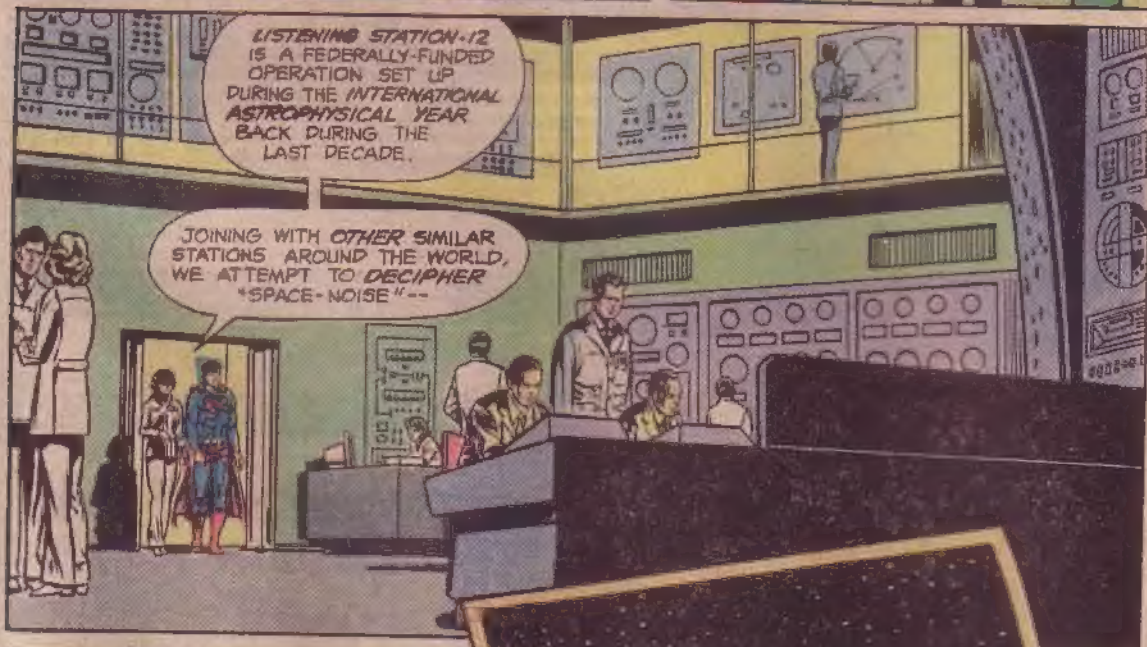
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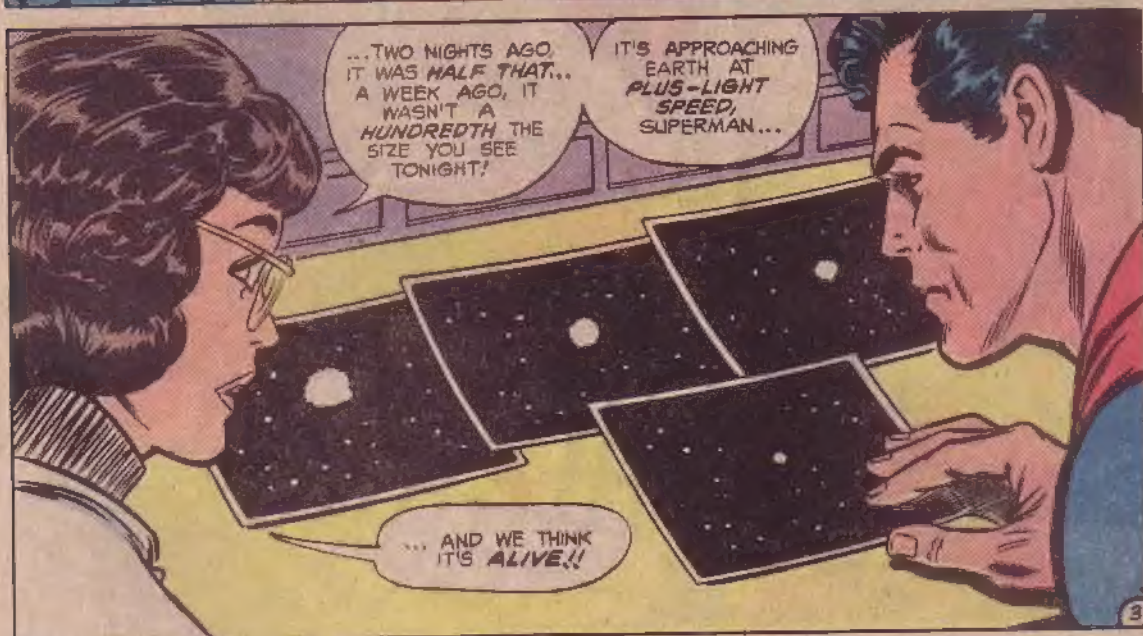
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MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE
THE BLOCKHOUSE...

I'LL INVESTIGATE
THIS PHENOMENON
OF YOURS, MANDY!

I AGREE WITH
YOU AND YOUR
CREW-- THE
MILITARY
SHOULDN'T GET
INVOLVED
UNLESS IT'S
ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY!

WE
DON'T
LIVE IN
A VERY
NICE
WORLD,
DO WE?

MAYBE THAT'S WHY
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN
FASCINATED BY THE
STARS. THEY'RE A
FRONTIER.

YOU CAN STILL
HAVE HOPE WHEN
YOU HAVE A
FRONTIER.



THERE'S ALWAYS
HOPE, MANDY! THE
FUTURE IS NEVER
AS BLEAK AS WE
SOMETIMES IMAGINE
IT TO--

GREAT
STARS!

SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING TO
THE "DISH"!



LIGHTNING
OUT OF A
CLEAR SKY?!

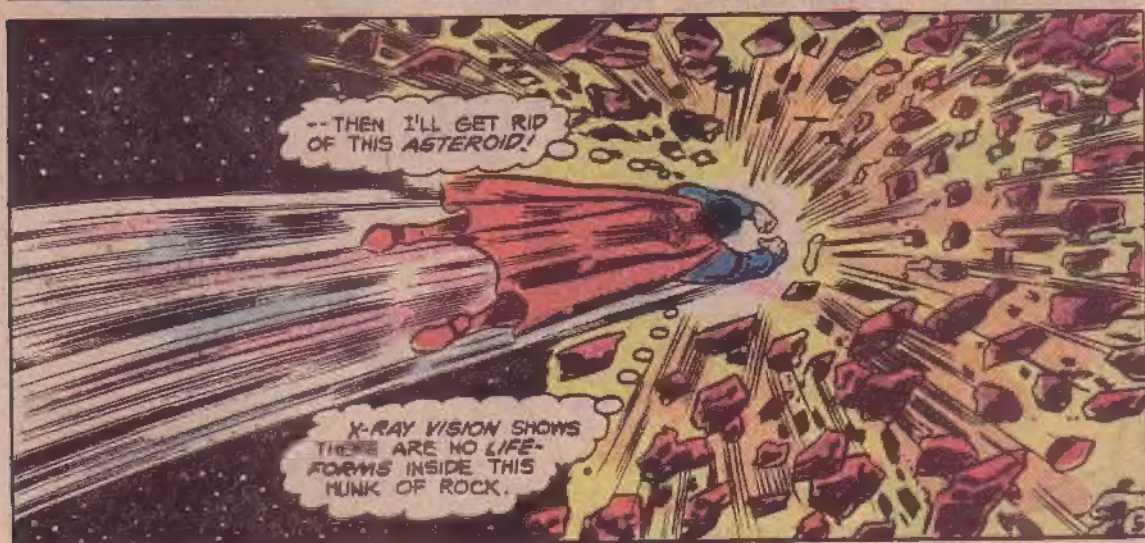
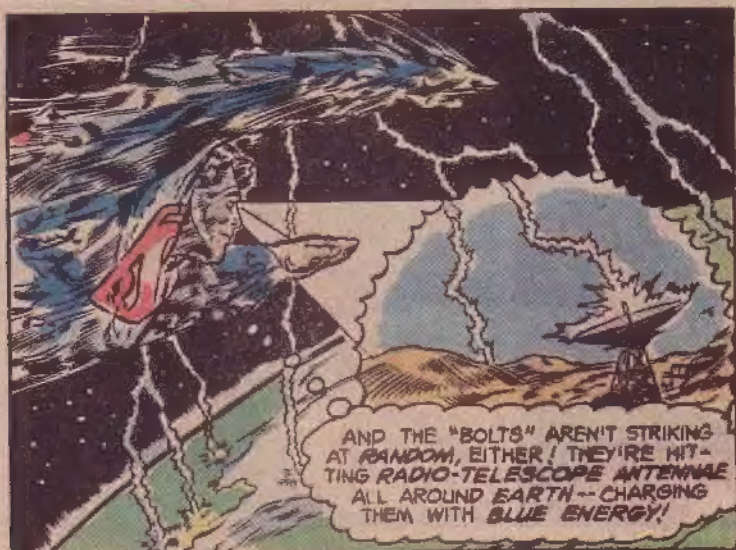
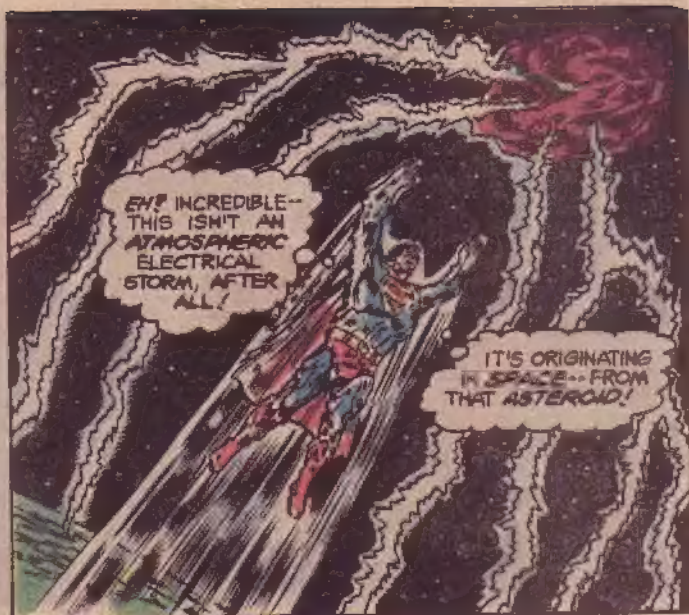
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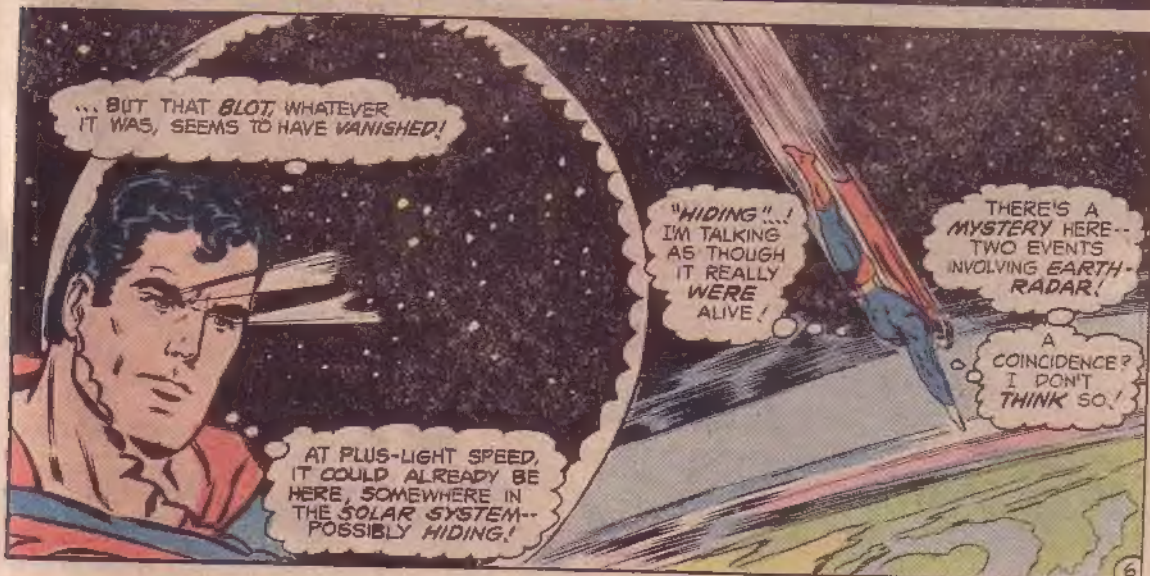
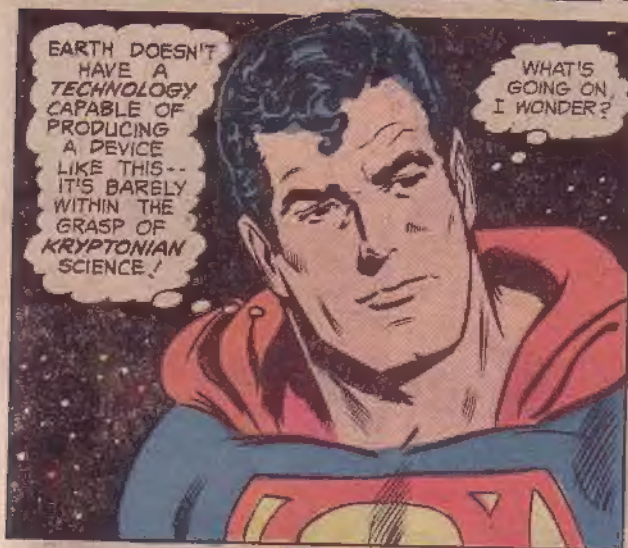


--AFTER
I KEEP
THIS RADAR
ANTENNA
FROM BEING
FRIED, IF IT
WASN'T ALREADY
BEEN.

UNNH!!
THIS ISN'T
LIGHTNING!
IT'S COLD!

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THE GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING IN METROPOLIS, WHERE, A SHORT TIME LATER--

CLARKIE, JUST THE BOY I WANNA TALK TO!

NOT NOW, STEVE! I'VE GOT TO PREPARE TONIGHT'S BROADCAST!

BUT THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

AFTER TODAY, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL EVERYONE THAT OLD STEVE LOMBARD IS YOUR VERY BEST FRIEND!

REMEMBER HOW I TRIED TO ORGANIZE A GALAXY FOOTBALL TEAM?

WHAT IS IT, STEVE? PLEASE MAKE IT FAST!

WELL, THAT FELL THROUGH... BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA NOW...

...A GALAXY ALL-STAR BASKETBALL TEAM!

AND I WANT YOU TO BE GENERAL MANAGER! HOWSABOUTIT, CLARKIE BOY!

WHAT?! I KNOW YOU DON'T SMOKE FUNNY CIGARETTES--

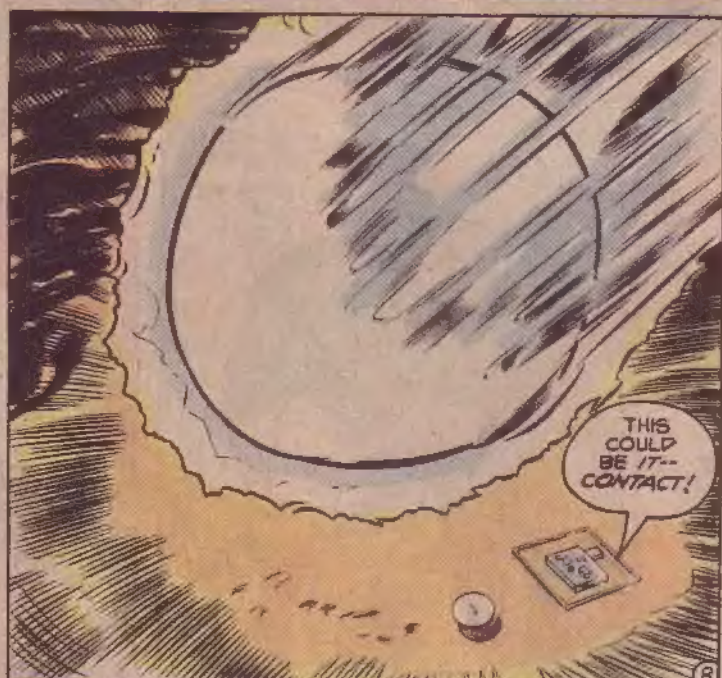
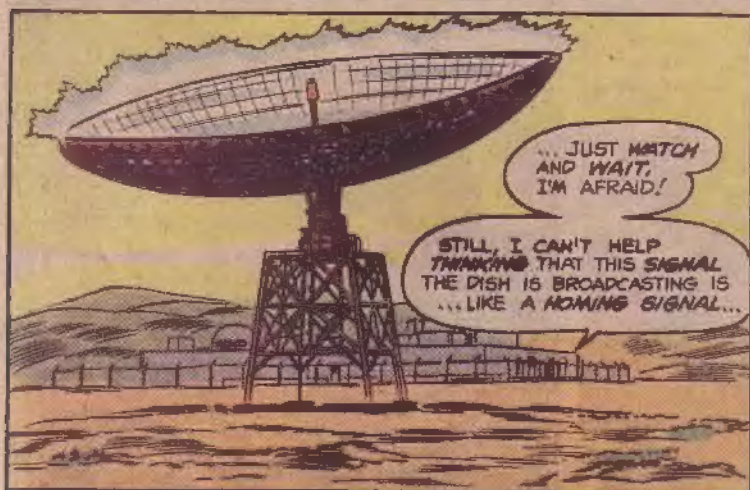
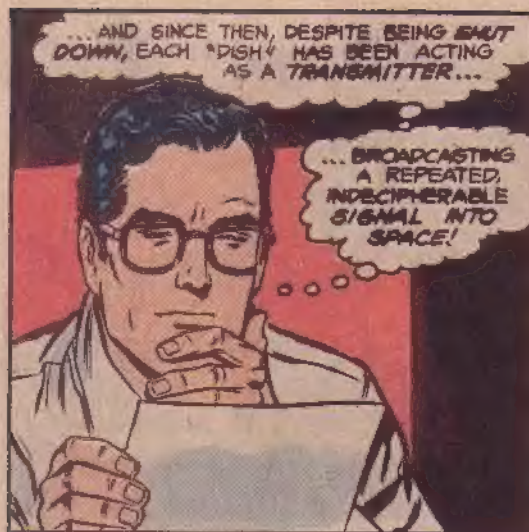
'COURSE NOT! THINK ABOUT IT, KENT! FAME AND FORTUNE CAN BE YOURS!

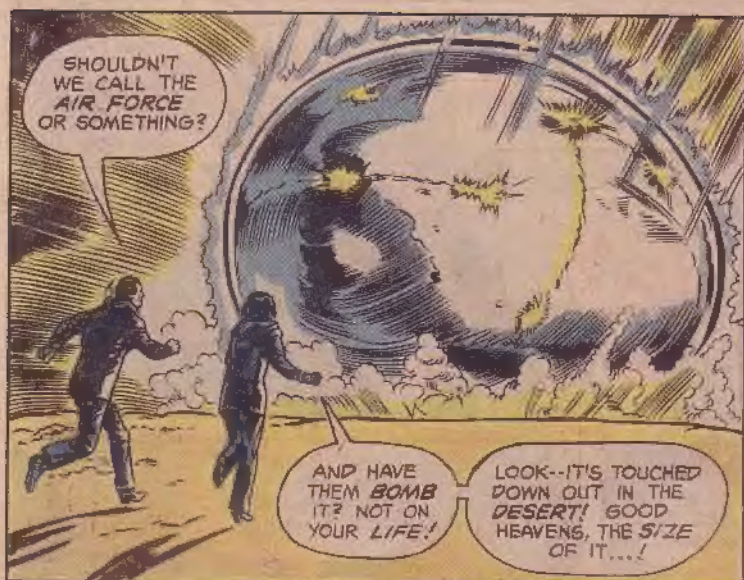
OKAY, OKAY, JUST GO!

HE NEVER QUILTS, DOES HE?

NOW PERHAPS I CAN STUDY THESE REPORTS IN PEACE!

AS I SUSPECTED, EVERY RADIO-TELESCOPE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WAS HIT BY ONE OF THOSE "LIGHTNING BOLTS"...







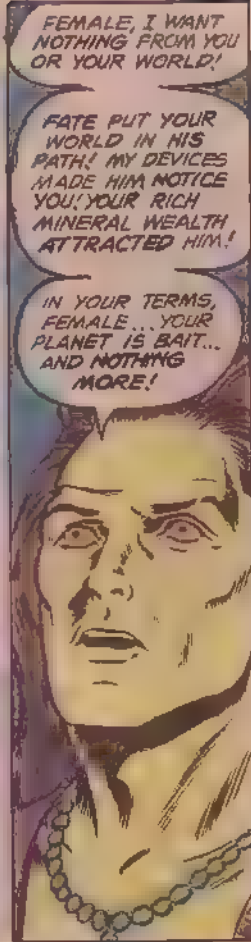
THIS IS THE
CENTERPOINT
HERE, ON THIS
CONTINENT,
ON THIS
INSIGNIFICANT
WORLD; HE
WILL MEET ME!

I SENSE
HE NEARS...
MAY THE
LOCATOR-
SPHERES
FIND HIM
AND LEAD
HIM TO ME!



YOUR WORDS--I HEAR
THEM IN MY MIND!
A'ABAH...YOU ARE
TELEPATHIC!

WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU
WANT FROM
US?



FATE PUT YOUR
WORLD IN HIS
PATH! MY DEVICES
MADE HIM NOTICE
YOU; YOUR RICH
MINERAL WEALTH
ATTRACTED HIM!

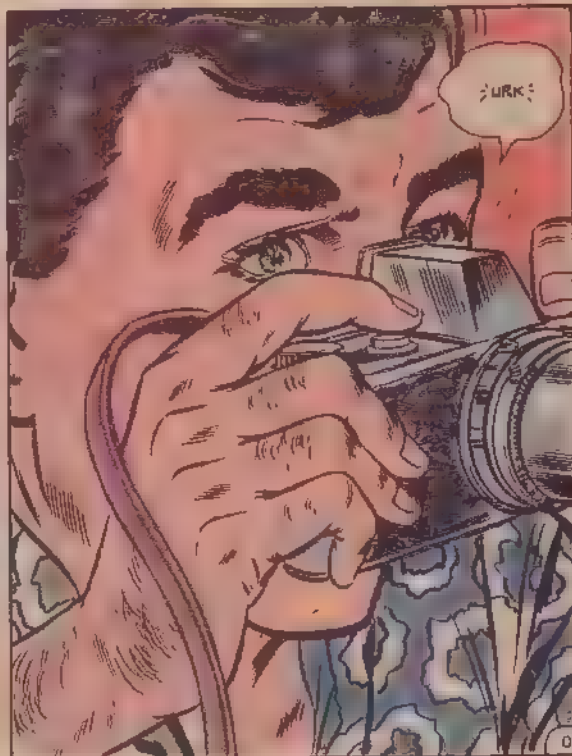
IN YOUR TERMS,
FEMALE...YOUR
PLANET IS BAIT...
AND NOTHING
MORE!



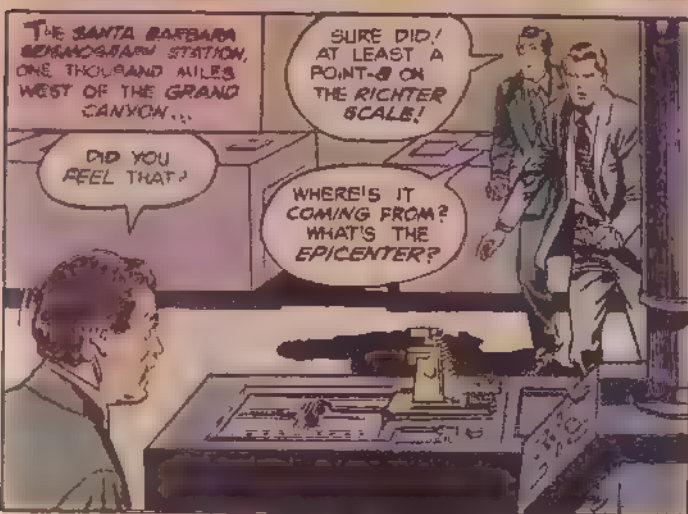
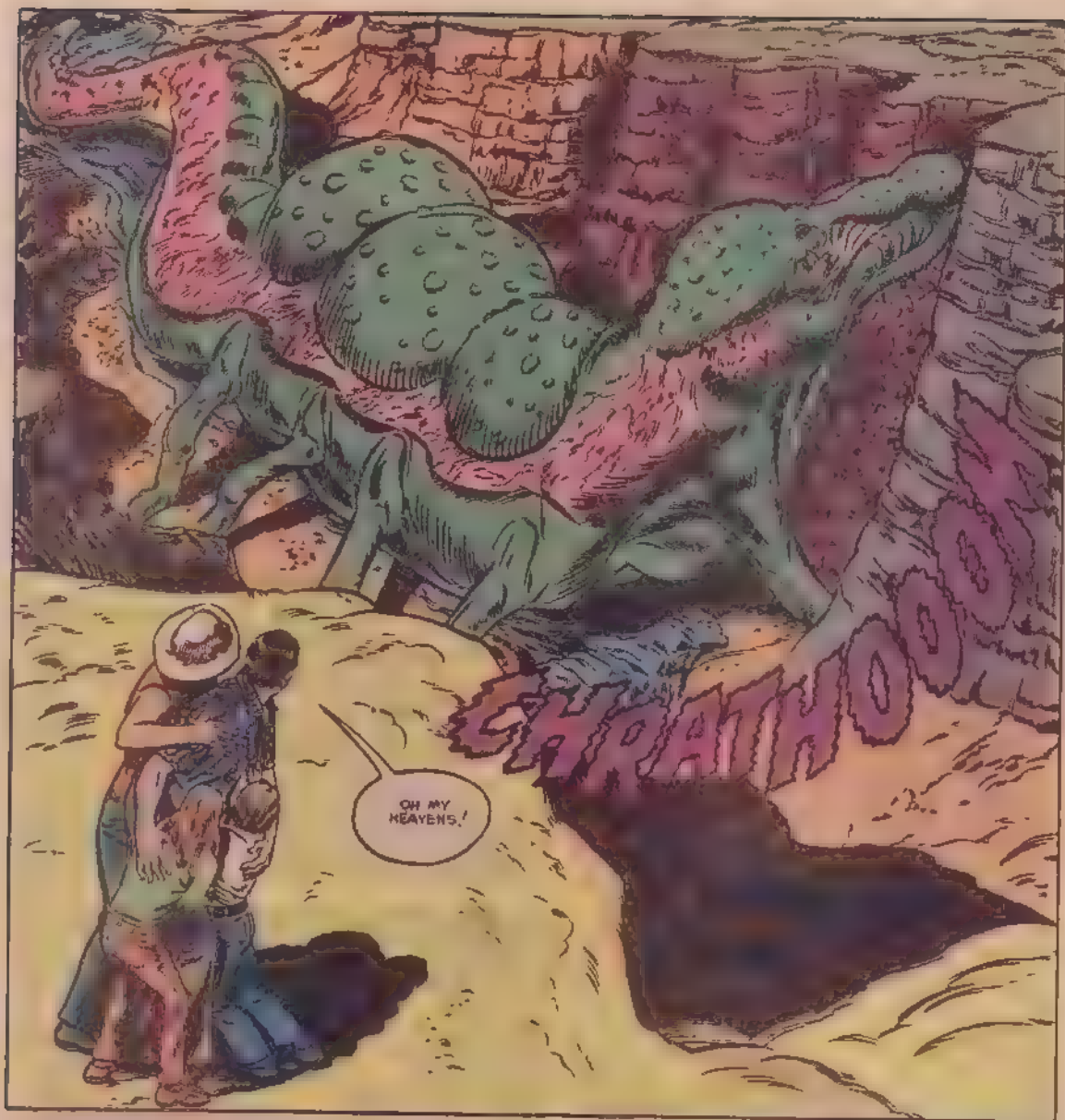
THE GRAND CANYON, AS THE EARLY MORNING
LIGHT DABS THE JAGGED CANYON-WALLS WITH
RUDDY SUNRISE COLORS...

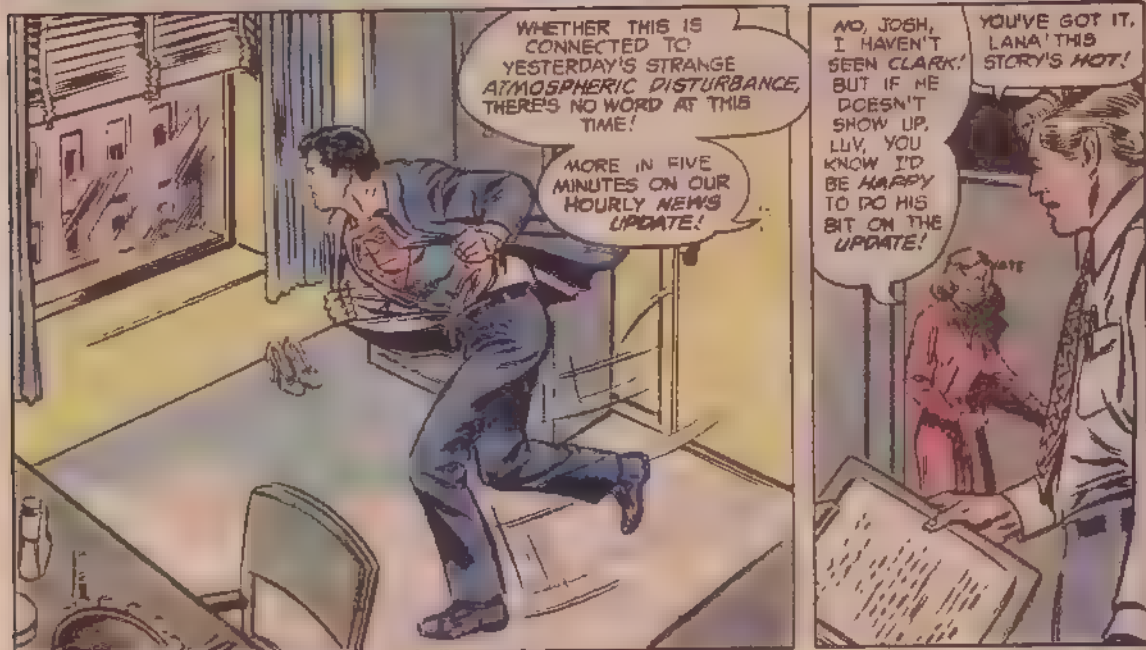
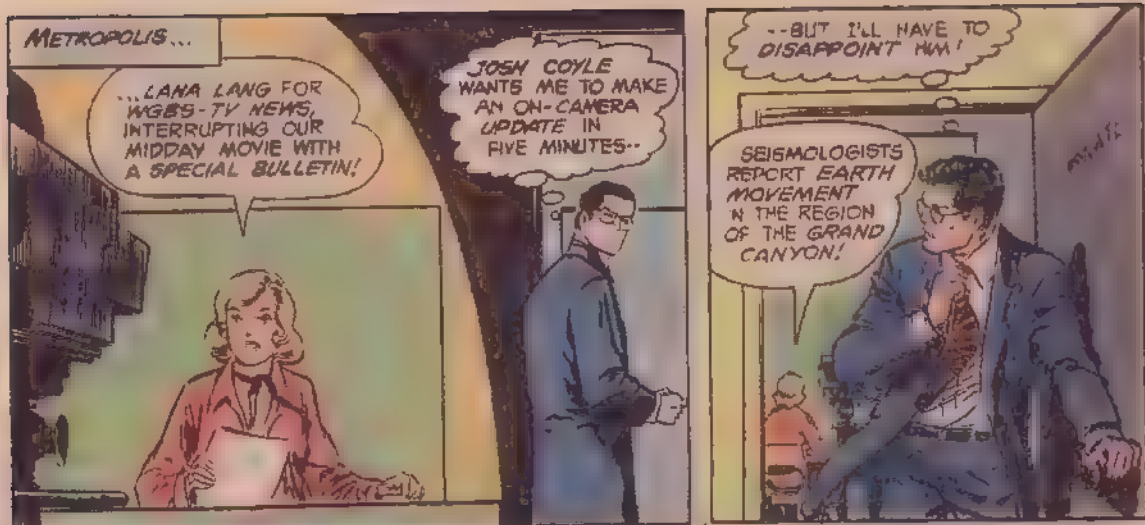
TRIXIE, STOP
TRYING TO
KICK YOUR
BROTHER!

EVERYONE
HOLD IT
NOW, AND
SM! --



URK!





MILLISECONDS LATER, HIGH OVER THE COLORADO RIVER AND ITS GREAT NATURAL WONDER...

WHEN I HEARD THOSE REPORTS ABOUT A SEISMIC DISTURBANCE HERE AT THE GRAND CANYON, I THOUGHT IT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE!

BUT-THIS...

THIS... CREATURE... MUST BE FROM SOMEWHERE IN SPACE!

THAT MAKES THREE SPACE-CONNECTED EVENTS IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

...AND THREE IS DEFINITELY TOO MANY FOR COINCIDENCE!

IF I WERE A GAMBLING MAN, I'D BET THIS CREATURE IS THE "WHITE SPOT" DR. MONROE'S RADIO-TELESCOPE PICKED UP!

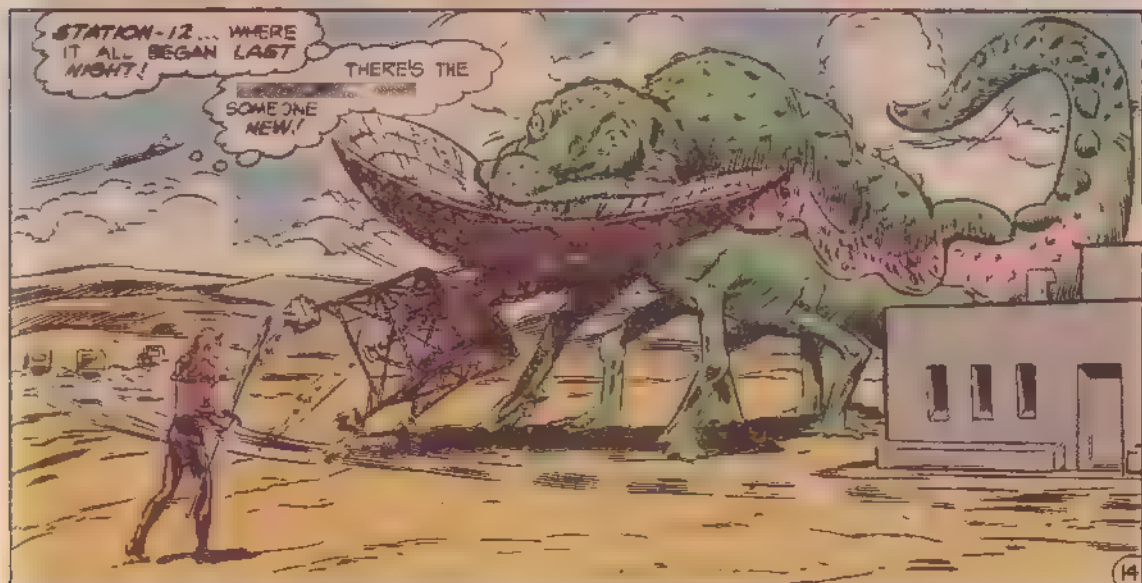
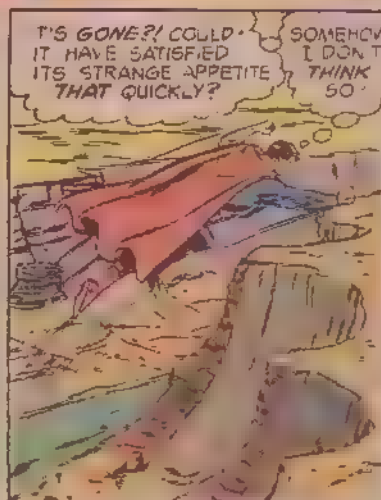
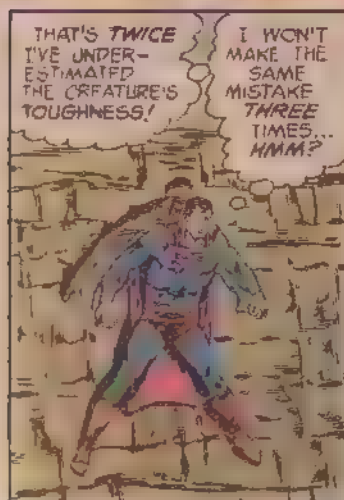
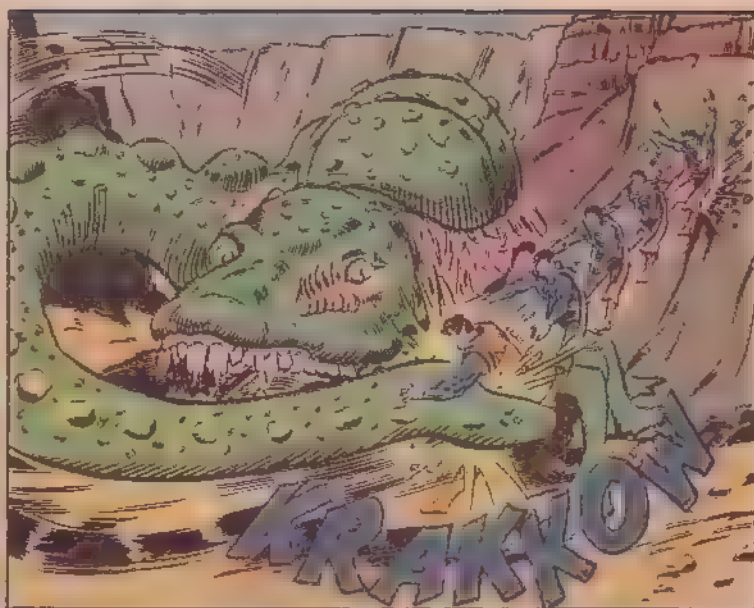
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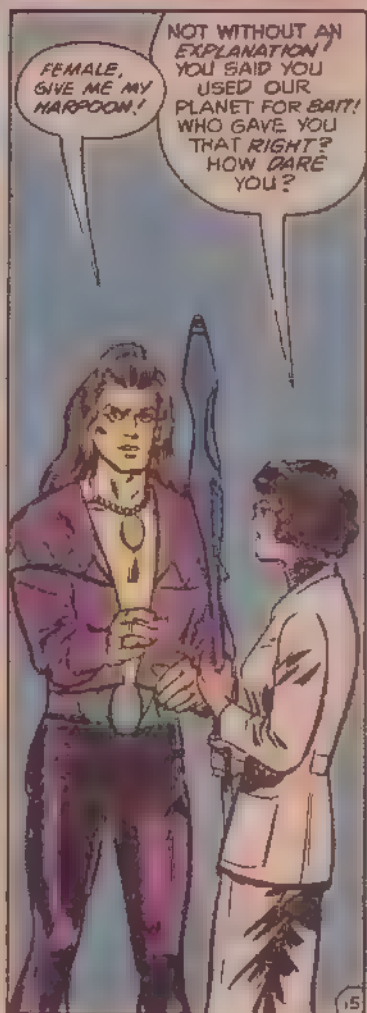
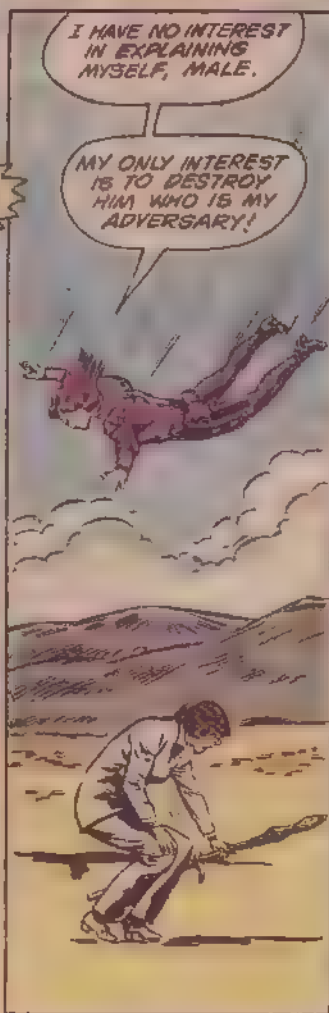
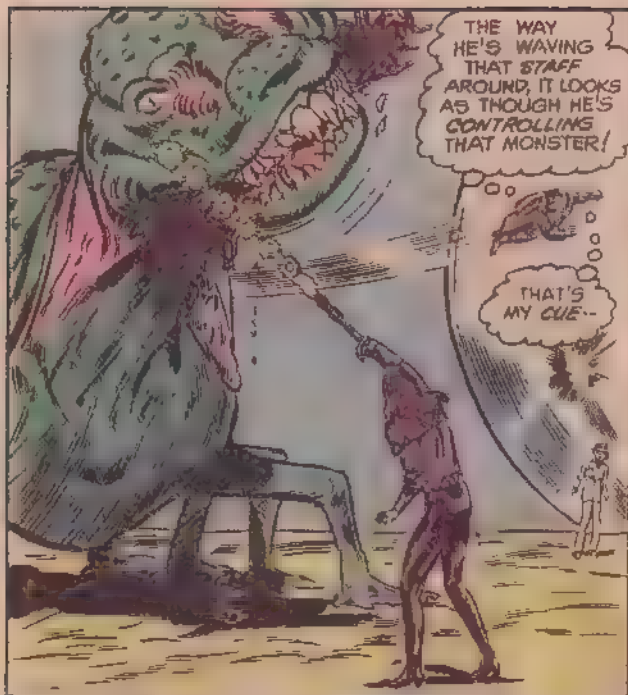
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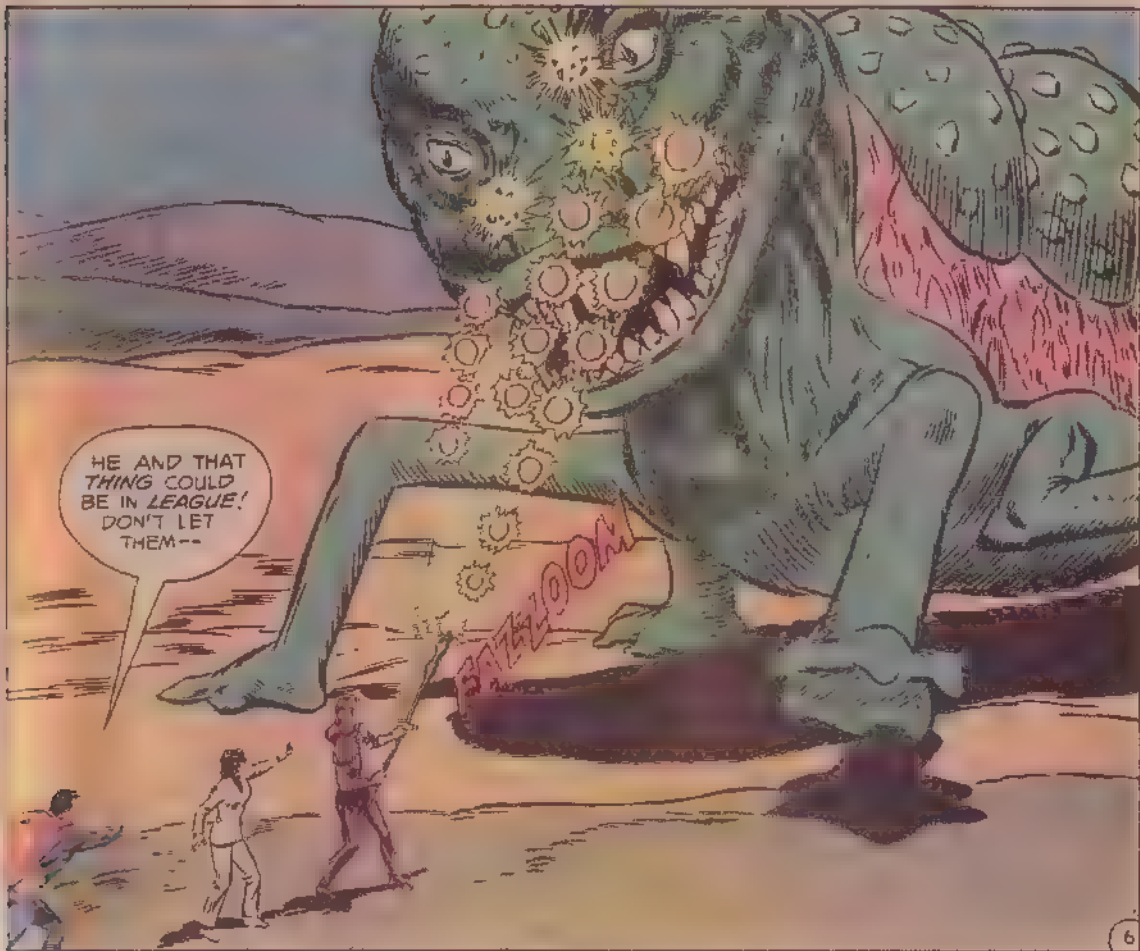
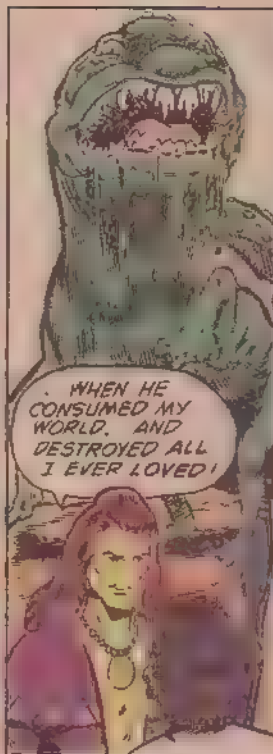
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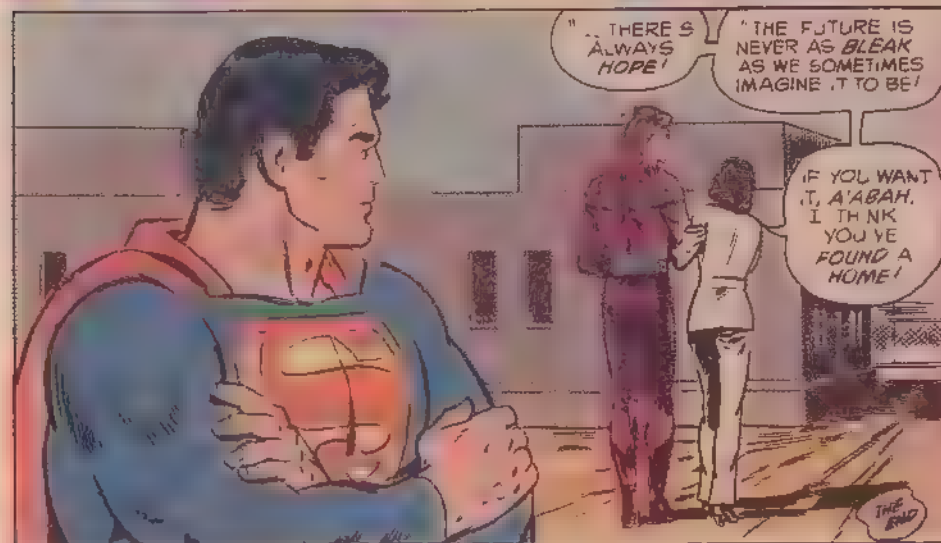
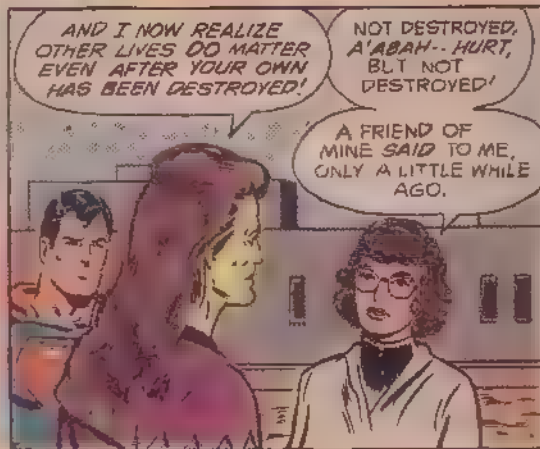
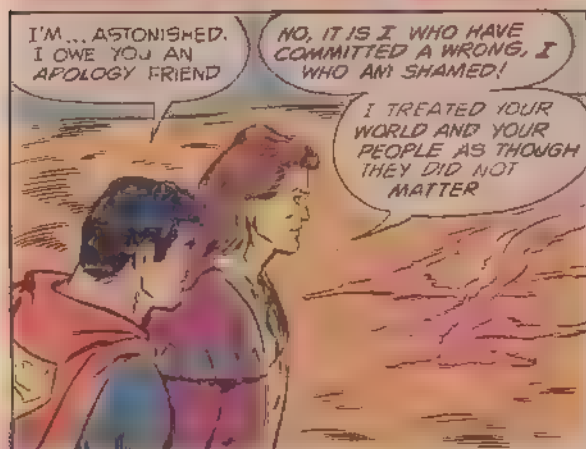
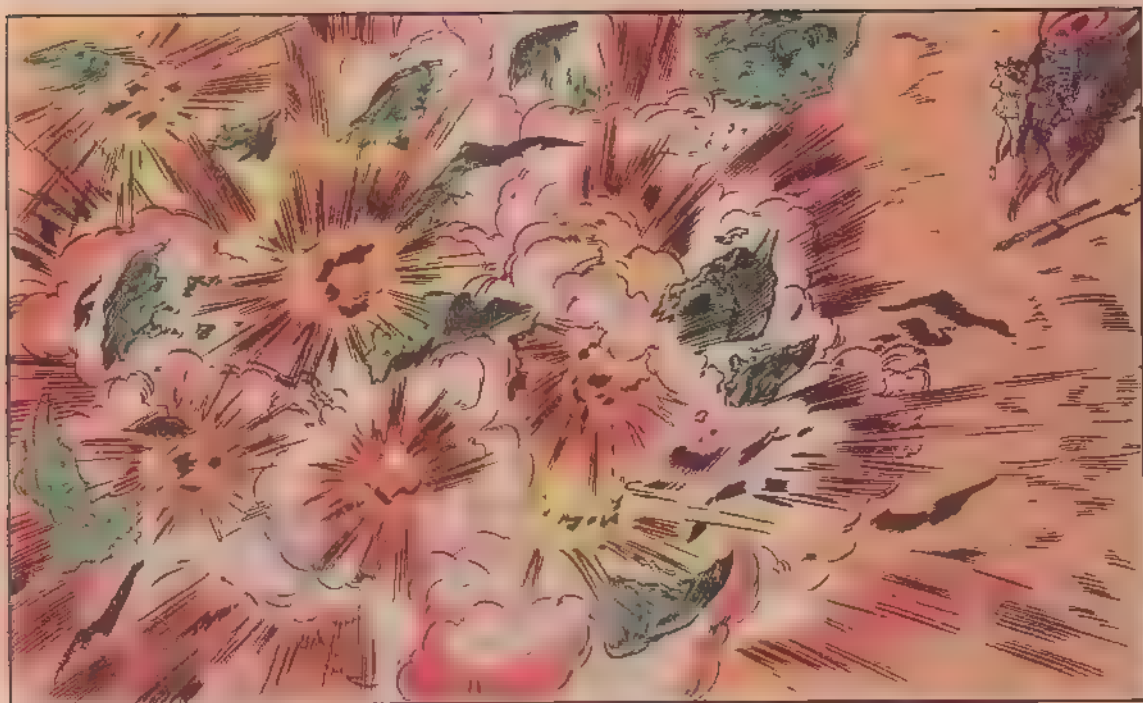
SHOULD HAVE REALIZED IT'D HAVE A TOUGH STOMACH-- CONSIDERING ITS DIET! FELT LIKE A WALL OF SOLID NEUTRONIUM!*

*ONE OF THE DENSEST SUBSTANCES THEORIZED BY MAN! -- June









NEXT ISSUE:

WHAT KIND OF MAN CAN COMPETE WITH SUPERMAN?

MEET ONE WHO IS DETERMINED TO STEAL THE MAN OF STEEL'S GIRL FRIEND...

"SUPERMAN'S RIVAL FOR LOVE'S LAND!"

ON SALE MARCH 19!

IT'S A DATE!

HE WAS BORN **ARTHUR CURRY**, HALF-BREED SON OF MAN AND MERMAID, AND ROSE TO BECOME **RULER** OF THE MIGHTY SEA KINGDOM OF **ATLANTIS**. EVENTUALLY HE **RELAQUISHED** THAT THRONE, CHOOSING **INSTEAD** TO REMAIN THE DAUNTLESS DEFENDER OF ALL THE SEVEN SEAS--THE VALIANT SUPER-HERO CALLED

A MOMENT AGO, HE LAY BATTERED, **BEATEN**--A HELPLESS VICTIM OF THE WOULD-BE SUBSEA SOVEREIGN WHO CALLS HIMSELF **POSEIDON**! NOW THE TABLES HAVE TURNED AND IT IS **AQUAMAN** WHO IS THE **AGGRESSOR**--

- DRIVEN BY A HEARTFELT FURY SUCH AS HE HAS NEVER BEFORE KNOWN!

WHAT DID YOU SAY, **POSEIDON**? WHAT KIND OF LIES ARE YOU TRYING TO HAND ME, YOU MANIAC?

NO LIES-- JUST TRUTH!

IN GOD'S NAME, **ARTHUR**-- DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I AM **TOM CURRY**.

... YOUR FATHER!!

FAMILY PLOT!

LEN WEIN
30th PLOT

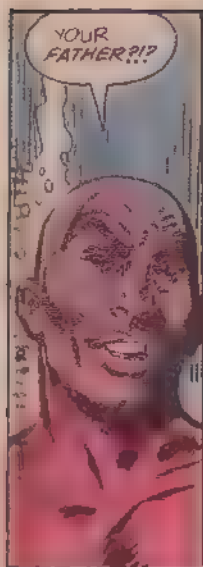
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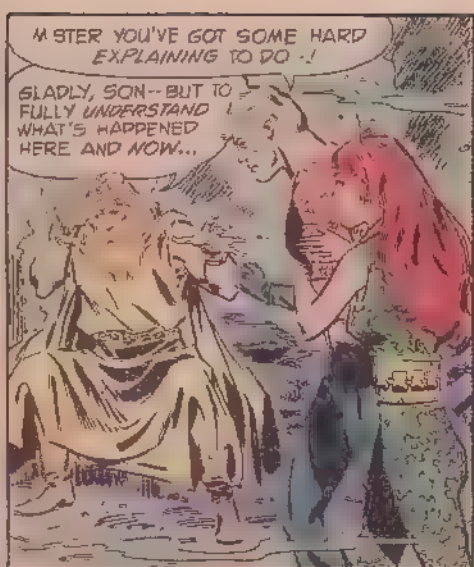
YOUR FATHER?!



B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

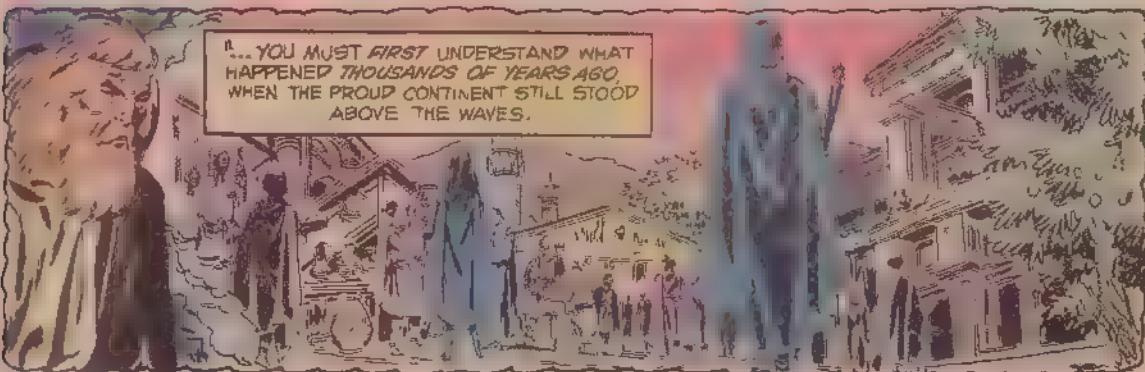


MY FATHER . TOM CURRY 'S LONG DEAD!

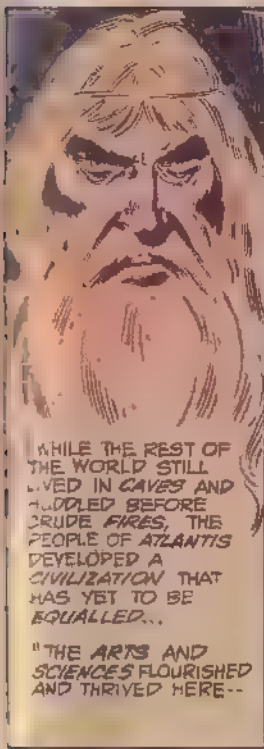


MASTER YOU'VE GOT SOME HARD EXPLAINING TO DO -!

GLADLY, SON-- BUT TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE AND NOW...



"...YOU MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, WHEN THE PROUD CONTINENT STILL STOOD ABOVE THE WAVES.



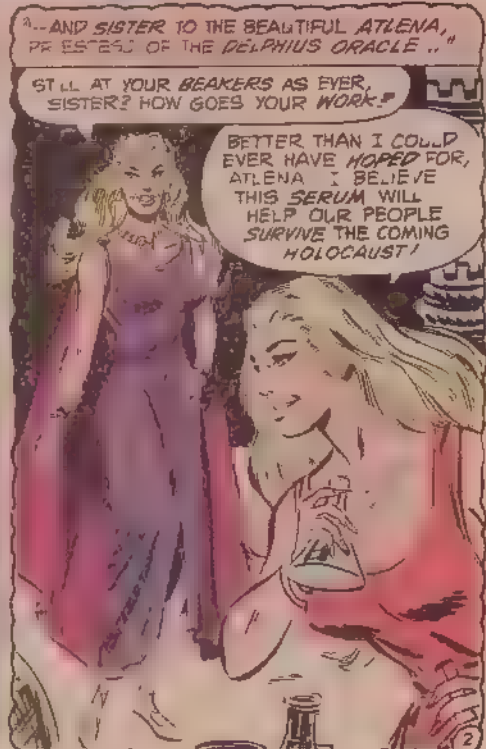
"- AND FOREMOST AMONG THIS BRIGHT SOCIETY'S SCIENTISTS WAS A WOMAN NAMED ATLANNA."

"BESIDES BEING A LEADING CHEMIST SHE WAS ALSO THE DAUGHTER OF THE MONARCH OF ONE OF ATLANTIS'S LEADING CITY-STATES --



WHILE THE REST OF THE WORLD STILL LIVED IN CAVES AND Huddled BEFORE CRUDE FIRES, THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS DEVELOPED A CIVILIZATION THAT HAS YET TO BE EQUALLED...

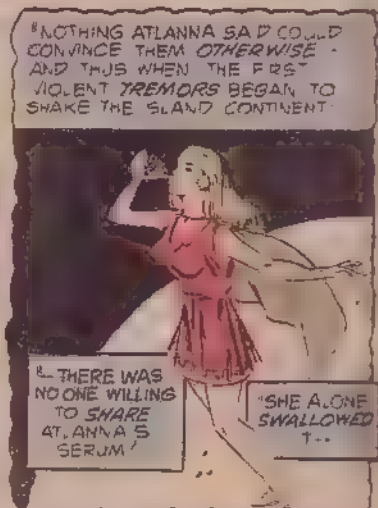
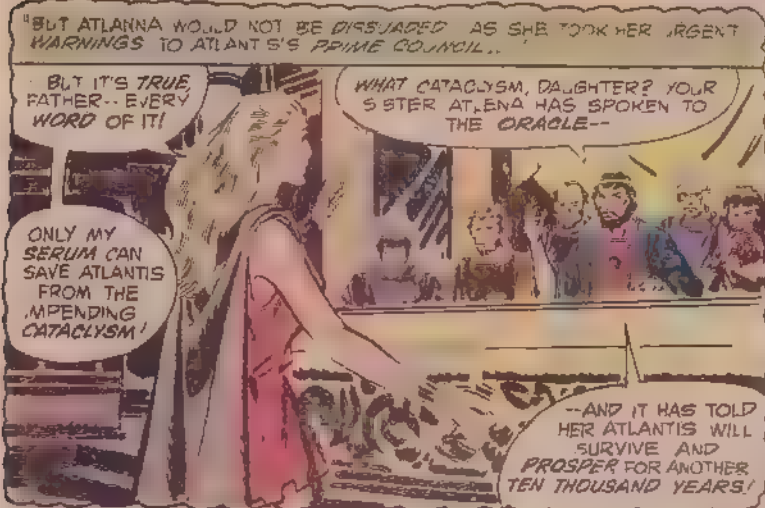
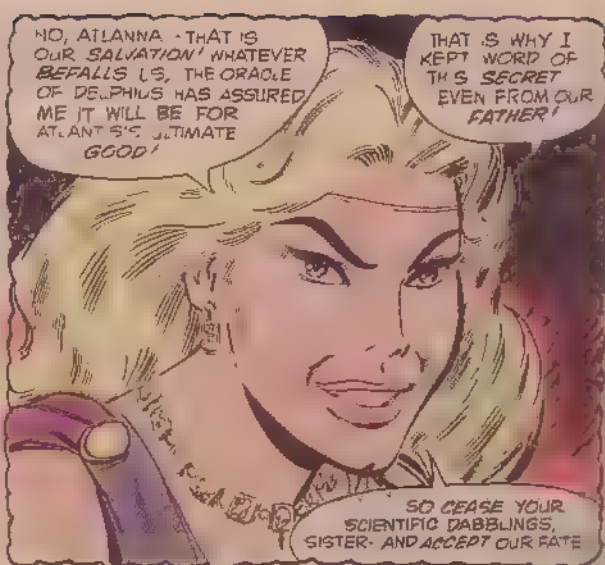
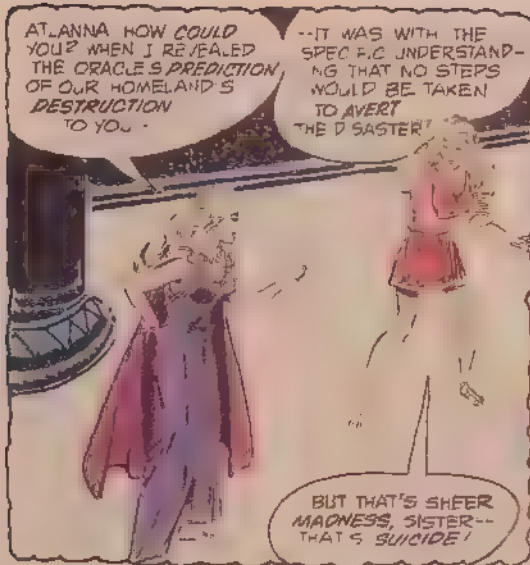
"THE ARTS AND SCIENCES FLOURISHED AND THRIVED HERE--

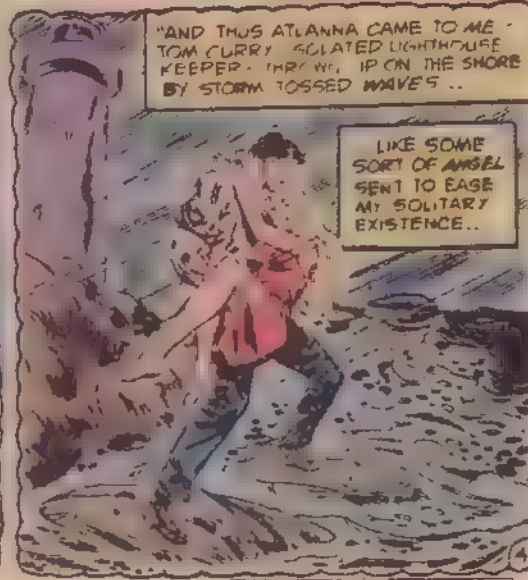
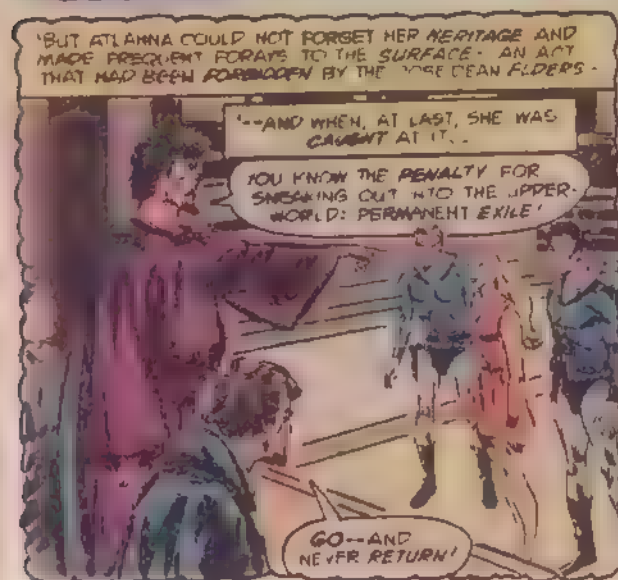
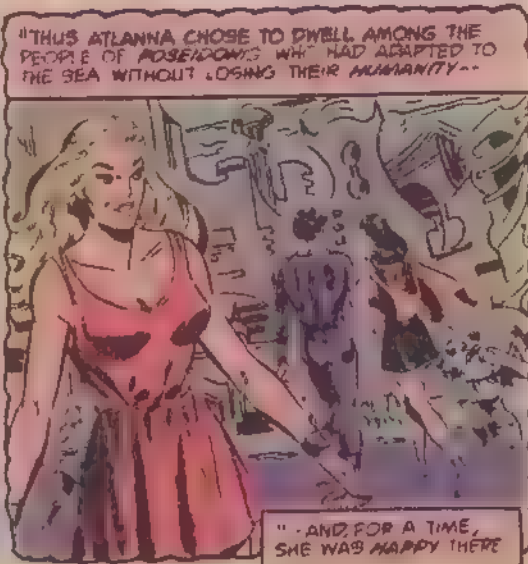
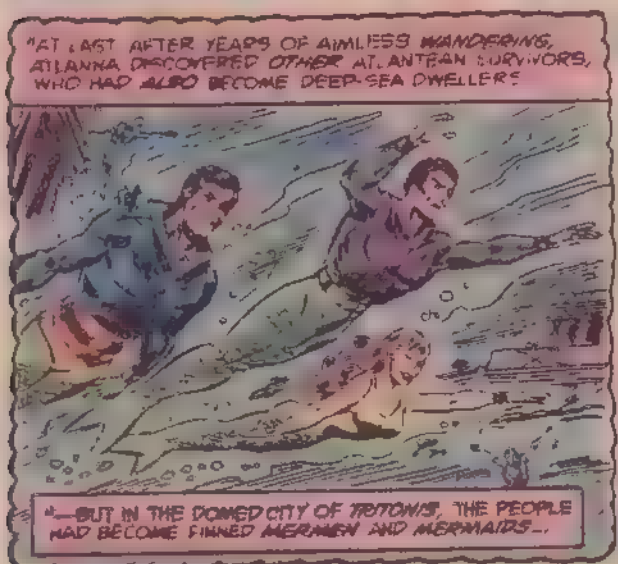
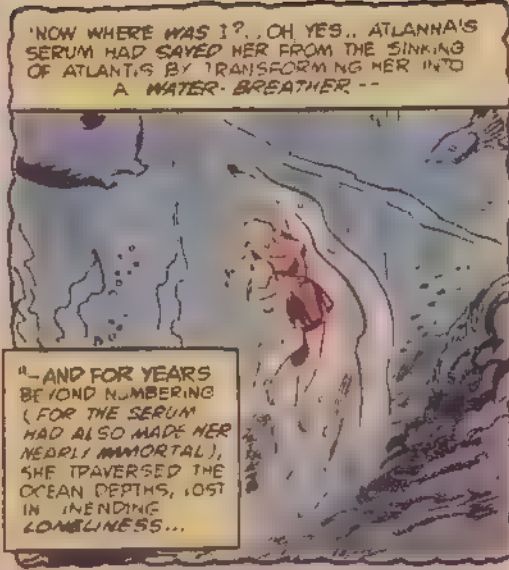


"--AND SISTER TO THE BEAUTIFUL ATLENA, PRincess OF THE DELPHIUS ORACLE."

STILL AT YOUR BEAKERS AS EVER, SISTER? HOW GOES YOUR WORK?"

BETTER THAN I COULD EVER HAVE HOPED FOR, ATLENA. I BELIEVE THIS SERUM WILL HELP OUR PEOPLE SURVIVE THE COMING HOLOCAUST!



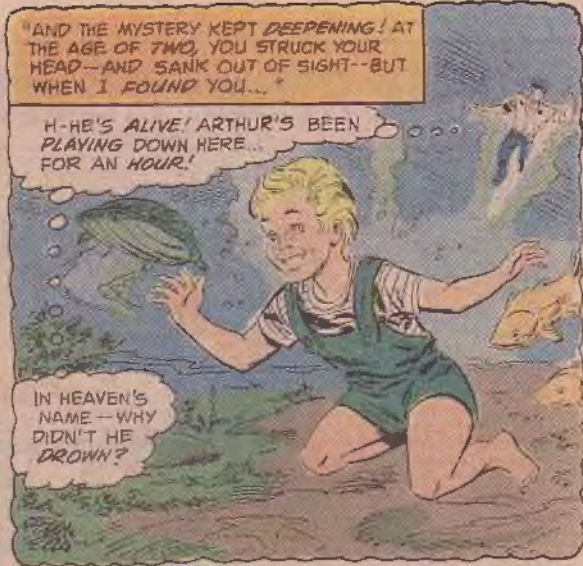




"IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT... TWO WEEKS LATER, WE WERE MARRIED... A YEAR LATER, YOU WERE BORN... AND WE NAMED YOU ARTHUR..."

...YET, DESPITE OUR HAPPINESS...

WHY DOES SHE SIT THERE FOR HOURS, STARING AT THE SEA? WHY WON'T SHE TELL ME WHERE SHE CAME FROM?

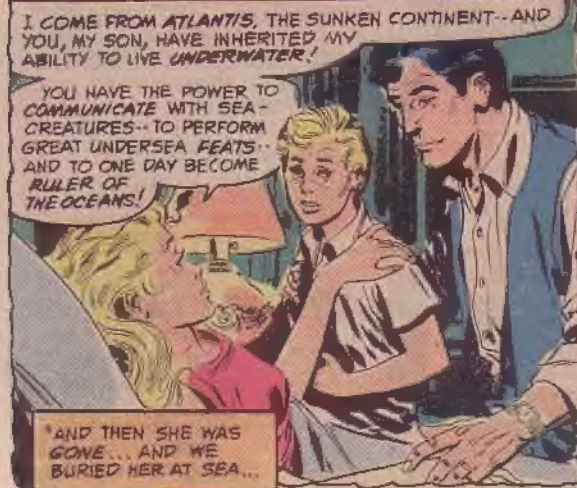


"AND THE MYSTERY KEPT DEEPENING! AT THE AGE OF TWO, YOU STRUCK YOUR HEAD--AND SANK OUT OF SIGHT--BUT WHEN I FOUND YOU..."

H-HE'S ALIVE! ARTHUR'S BEEN PLAYING DOWN HERE... FOR AN HOUR!

IN HEAVEN'S NAME--WHY DIDN'T HE DROWN?

"IT WASN'T UNTIL YOUR MOTHER LAY ON HER DEATHBED THAT WE FINALLY LEARNED WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE TRUTH..."

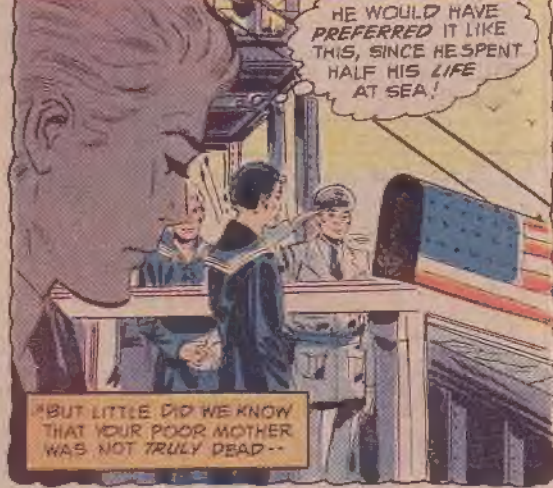


I COME FROM ATLANTIS, THE SUNKEN CONTINENT--AND YOU, MY SON, HAVE INHERITED MY ABILITY TO LIVE UNDERWATER!

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEA-CREATURES--TO PERFORM GREAT UNDERSEA FEATS--AND TO ONE DAY BECOME RULER OF THE OCEANS!

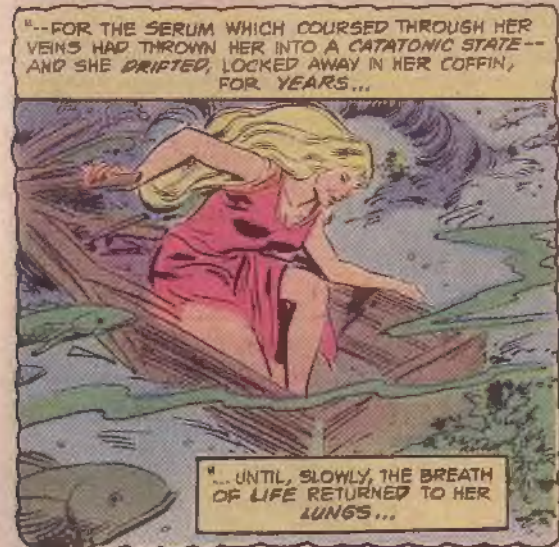
"AND THEN SHE WAS GONE... AND WE BURIED HER AT SEA..."

"NEXT, DEATH CAME TO CLAIM ME--AND I'M SURE YOU SAW TO IT THAT MY BURIAL WAS NO LESS FITTING..."



HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IT LIKE THIS, SINCE HE SPENT HALF HIS LIFE AT SEA!

"BUT LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT YOUR POOR MOTHER WAS NOT TRULY DEAD--"



"--FOR THE SERUM WHICH COURSED THROUGH HER VEINS HAD THROWN HER INTO A CATATONIC STATE--AND SHE DRIFTED, LOCKED AWAY IN HER COFFIN, FOR YEARS..."

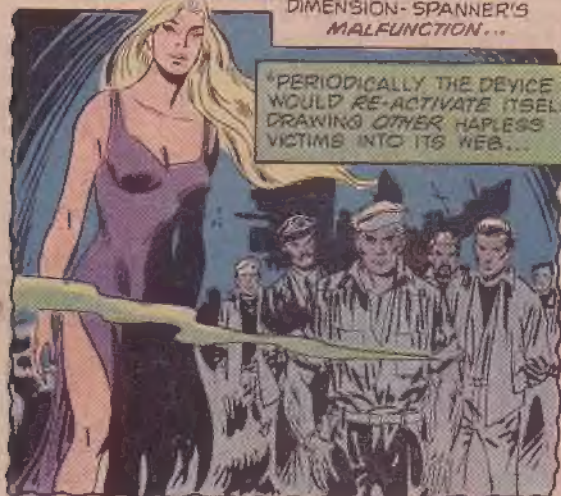
"...UNTIL, SLOWLY, THE BREATH OF LIFE RETURNED TO HER LUNGS..."



BUT, IN A SENSE, THE ATLANTA WE BOTH KNEW AND LOVED HAD DIED--FOR THAT CREATURE THAT AWOKE HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED BY HER SICKNESS--

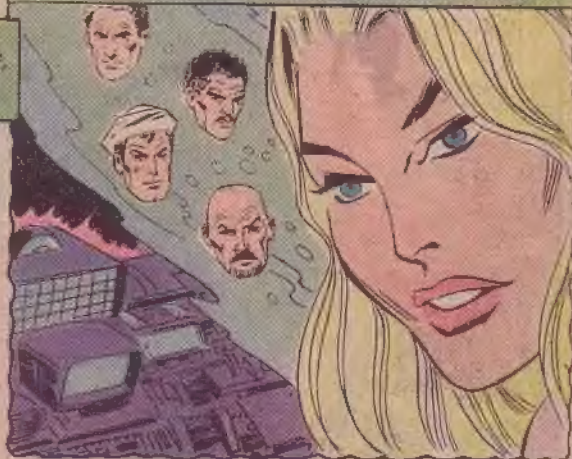
"--AND MY DARLING ATLANTA WAS NOW QUITE MAD!"

"THE PRIESTESS ATLENA, IN THE MEANWHILE, HAD ALSO SURVIVED THE CENTURIES--TRAPPED IN AN OTHER-WORLDFY LIMBO AS A RESULT OF THE DIMENSION-SPANNER'S MALFUNCTION..."



"PERIODICALLY THE DEVICE WOULD RE-ACTIVATE ITSELF, DRAWING OTHER HAPLESS VICTIMS INTO ITS WEB..."

"BUT THERE WAS NOTHING ATLENA COULD DO--FOR SHE WAS DUTY-BOUND AS A PRIESTESS OF THE DELPHIUS ORACLE TO WAIT THERE FOR THE COMING OF THE ONE..."



THE ONE, POSEIDON?

WHAT ONE?

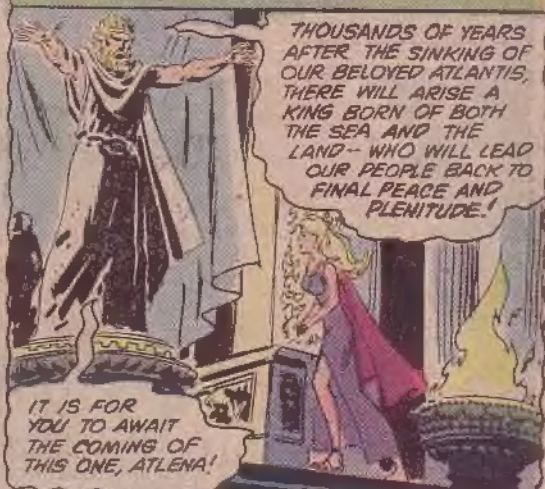


WHY, THE ONE WHO WAS TO BE THE FORETOLD SAVIOR OF ATLANTIS, OF COURSE...



...YOU!

"THE WORDS OF THE ORACLE LEAVE NO ROOM FOR DOUBT..."



THOUSANDS OF YEARS AFTER THE SINKING OF OUR BELOVED ATLANTIS, THERE WILL ARISE A KING BORN OF BOTH THE SEA AND THE LAND--WHO WILL LEAD OUR PEOPLE BACK TO FINAL PEACE AND PLENTITUDE!

IT IS FOR YOU TO AWAIT THE COMING OF THIS ONE, ATLENA!



...ME?

GET HOLD OF YOURSELF DARLING--YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE STARTING TO BELIEVE HIS INSANE TALE!

MAYBE I AM, MERA.

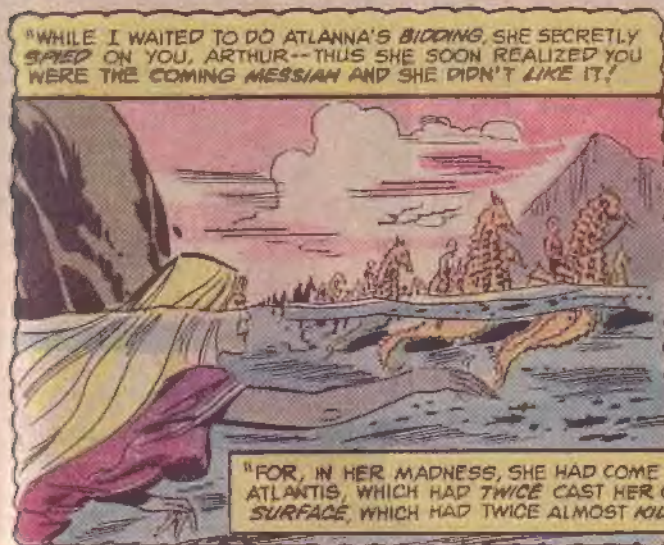
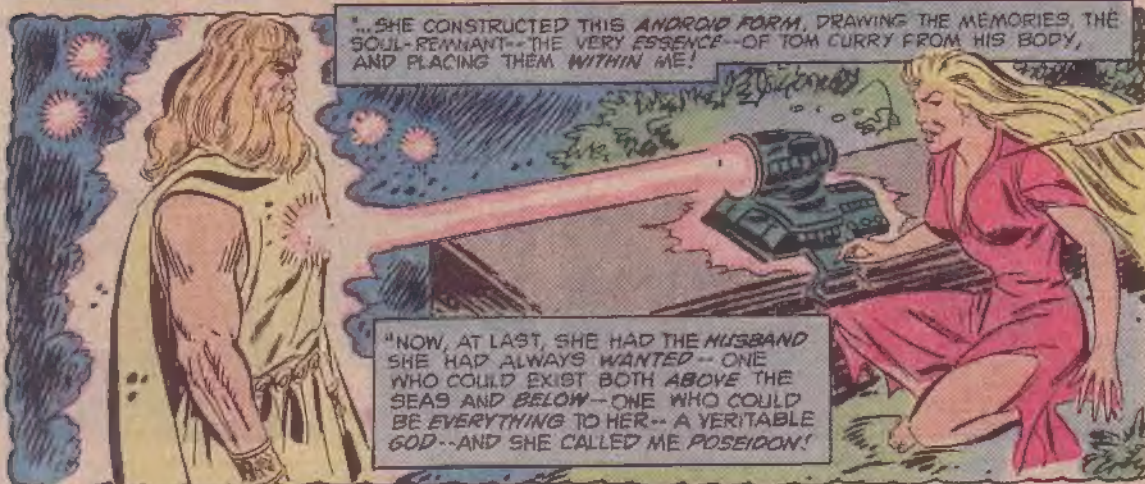
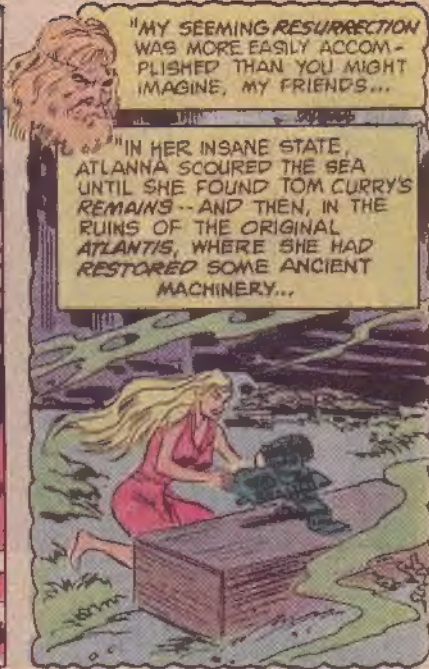


BUT HE READILY ADMITS TOM CURRY IS DEAD--SO HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY BE THE SAME MAN?

I SAY HE'S JUST KILLIN' TIME WITH THIS CRAZY STORY--GETTIN' READY TO DO ANOTHER NUMBER ON US--!



I ASSURE YOU, CAL DURHAM--I SPEAK ONLY THE TRUTH!



"THUS, ATLANNA CREATED ROBOT-DUPPLICATES OF YOUR GREATEST FOES--USING THE SCAVENGER ROBOT TO DESTROY THE DIMENSION-SPANNER, THEREBY TRAPPING ATLENA IN HER NETHERWORLD..."

"...WHILE I WAS ORDERED TO FORCE YOU TO INVADE NEW VENICE, THUS TURNING THE SURFACE WORLD AGAINST YOU..."

"...AND THE BLACK MANTA ROBOT WAS SENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF ATLANTIS, THUS FOREVER CLOSING ITS DOORS TO YOU..."

"...BUT ALMOST NOTHING WORKED OUT AS ATLANNA HAD PLANNED!"

"THE ONLY ONE OF YOUR FOES WHO WAS TRULY WHO HE APPEARED TO BE WAS YOUR HALF-MAD HALF-BROTHER ORM--THE OCEAN-MASTER--AND WHEN HE FAILED..."

"...YOUR MOTHER SENT ME HERE TO SIMPLY KILL YOU, FOR SHE HAD GROWN TIRED OF ALL THE SUBTERFUGE!"

"I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, FATHER..."

"WHY DIDN'T ATLANNA JUST--?"

"ARTHUR, DID YOU JUST HEAR YOURSELF? YOU CALLED ME... FATHER!"

"THANK GOD-- YOU FINALLY BELIEVE ME!"

"YES... I SUPPOSE I DO!"

"SO, ONCE AGAIN I AM BETRAYED BY THOSE I LOVE! WELL, NO MATTER... NO MATTER..."

"THEY WILL INEVITABLY COME AFTER ME--AND I WILL BE READY..."

"NO, MY MOTHER, WE WILL BE READY--AND AQUAMAN WILL DIE!!"

NEXT ISSUE:

IF YOU THINK THINGS ARE BOILING NOW, WAIT'LL YOU SEE THE CATACLYSMIC CLIMAX! JOIN US FOR...

"THE END!"